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SUBJ: PRESS GUIDANCE: INTERVIEW WTH WASHINGTON POST REPORTER

REF A - STATE 37649, B - STATE 36397,

1. WASHINGTON POST REPORTER KAREN DE YOUNG INTERVIEWED CHARGE AND ADMOFF SUNDAY, FEB 15. SHE WAS NOT AWARE OF NOR INFORMED OF AMB'S DEPARTURE. HER QUESTIONS DEALT ONLY WITH HISTORY OF BENIN FROM 1970 TO PRESENT AND OUR REPLIES ARE ALL FROM PUBLIC RECORD. IN DISCUSSING NATIONALIZATIONS SHE WAS INFORMED THAT TEXACO AND MOBIL WERE AMONG THE COMPANIES HIT. NO MENTION WAS MADE OF HICKENLOOPER NOR DID QUESTION OF REVIEW OF POLICY TOWARD BENIN COME UP.

2. DE YOUNG HAS OBTAINED NIGERIAN VISA. HOWEVER, AS OF AFTER-NOON OF FEB 16 BORDER WITH NIGERIA STILL CLOSED.
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